quence of these changes and the recent reform in the account system, the question of revising the village and taluk establishments has also been taken along with a scheme for the maintenance of land records.

4. **Survey.**—The few villages that remained incomplete under certain processes of survey in Minachil Taluk were finished, thus completing the cadastral survey of the whole State.

Survey School.—53 Government employés and 224 private students passed out of the Survey school during the year.

5. **Revenue Settlement.**—As mentioned in the last year's address, the new scheme introduced in 1080 for the speedy and satisfactory close of settlement operations was found after a year's experience to require some modifications in the light of further information obtained as to the real state of the arrears. A revised forecast was sanctioned during the year, under which the period originally fixed for some taluks was slightly extended, curtailed in regard to others, and left unchanged for some others. The original estimate of 4 years for completion of settlement throughout the State was not exceeded.

The work of the Department as it stood when the new scheme was introduced and the results attained since will now be stated:—

i. 10 taluks had been treated as settled, though the settlement registers had not been furnished to the Revenue department for any of the taluks and pattahs had still to be issued for several numbers in 4 out of the 10 taluks.

The Settlement Department has now finally closed its labours in these 10 taluks.

ii. Work was going on in 15 taluks chiefly under registration, which was being protracted for several years in each taluk.

By the simplified procedure laid down in the new scheme an enormous quantity of work under this head has been turned out in 1080 and 1081, which facilitated the progress of work under subsequent stages.

Under the revised forecast above referred to, 8 taluks were to be settled in 1081. With the exception of Eraniel for which, owing to special difficulties, extension has been granted for another year, 7

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out of these 8 taluks are practically settled and the new tax will be collected this year.

iii. 6 taluks in the Kottayam Division remained to be taken up.

The olugu form work in these taluks which had been entrusted to the Revenue department not having been done completely or satisfactorily, orders have recently been issued for the balance of this work being taken over by the Settlement department, in view to avoid further delay in the commencement of settlement operations. Parur and Todupuzha having been taken up in 1081, the remaining Taluks of Minachil, Alangad, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha have been taken up this year. As these taluks have been taken up a year later than was anticipated, a revision of the forecast has become necessary and is under consideration.

6. **Legislation.**—One Regulation was passed during the year to provide for the prevention of glanders and farcy among horses. This was passed under the emergency clause of the Legislative Council Regulation and was in force for only six months.

The following Bills were introduced during the year:—

(1) To consolidate and amend the law relating to the Civil Courts in Travancore. The principle of the Bill not being affirmed by the Council when the same was discussed, the Bill was thrown out.

(2) To amend the High Court Regulation I of 1067.

(3) To amend the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation III of 1076.

(4) Steam-Boilers and Prime-Movers Bill.

7. **Police.**—The strength of the force was 1,729. The proportion of policemen to area and population was 1 to 5·007 square miles and 1 to 2,084 of the population respectively. 4,734 cases were reported, of which 1,912 were referred as false. The number of cases charged was 2,757. The percentage of convictions in respect of cases rose from 83·7 to 87·01 and in respect of persons from 69·5 to 74·5.

8. **Judicial Department.**—*Criminal Justice.*—The number of Civil Courts remained the same as in the year preceding *viz.*, 28. But the number of Courts exercising criminal jurisdiction was 63

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